

Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the specification at page 1, by amending the paragraph starting at line 7 (under the heading "Related Applications") to read as follows:

The present invention is a continuation of co-pending Application No. 09/691,579, filed October 18, 2000 (the "parent application"), which parent application was a continuation-in-part of two co-pending applications (the "prior applications") that are commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention, the first of which is Application No. 09/261,708, filed March 3, 1999, and the second of which is Application No. 09/439,440, filed November 15, 1999, the disclosure of the parent application and the disclosure of the prior applications being incorporated by reference.

Please amend the specification at page 12, by amending the paragraph starting at line 7 to read as follows:

FIG. 15 indicates how FIGs. 15A and 15B combine to show a flow chart of a preferred embodiment of the atomic data/parity update process of the present invention.